

Sergeant Robert Armstrong of the Sarasota Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Deputy Kevin Smetana of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Master Sergeant George Taunton of The Florida Highway Patrol will receive the Career Service Award.

Deputy Angel Buxeda and Deputy Grant Steube of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office along with Troopers Caleb Kerr and Trooper Brett Fitzpatrick of the Florida Highway Patrol will receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Sergeant Patrick Roberts of the Florida Highway Patrol will receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Pastor Patrick Miller of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pastor Vincent Smith, Doctor Harriet Moore of the Trinity Youth and Family Services, Geoffrey Gilot and Al-Muta Hawks with the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota will receive the Associate Service Award.

The Manatee County Special Investigations Division will receive the Unit Citation Award. The members of this unit are: Major William Jordan, Captain Todd Shear, Lieutenant Anthony Carr, Division Secretary Toni Burton, Administrative Assistant Cindy Hoffman, Sergeant Jason Powell, Detective James Parrish, Detective Kim Zink, Detective Greg Dunlap, Detective Mike Diaz, Bruce Benjamin (Crime Stoppers), Amber Hoffman (Manager), Erica Chenard (UCR Coordinator), Criminal Analyst Ashley Eannarino, Criminal Analyst Elicia Main, Intel Analyst Don Brown, Criminal Analyst John Ferrito, Intel Analyst Elizabeth Thomas, Sergeant Evelio Perez, Detective Joseph Petta, Detective Justin Warren, Detective Derek Pollock, Detective Eric Davis, Detective Ray Richter, Detective Patrick Thames, Detective Scott Williamson, Sergeant Gary Combee, Detective William Freel, Detective Maria Gillum, Detective Bryce Wilhelm, Detective Jonathan Kruse, Sergeant Steve Barron, Detective Randall Walker, Detective Brian Beck, Detective Shayne Rousseau, Detective Jeremy Martin, Detective Robert Brigham, Sergeant Isaac Redmond, Detective Rafael Ortegón, Detective Christopher Gallagher, Detective Joel Taylor, Detective David Bocchino, Detective Lourdes Santiago, Detective Aaron Bowling, Sergeant Brian Quiles and Detective Wendy Zarvis.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM DWIGHT TESTER, SR.

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Sergeant William Dwight Tester, Sr., father of Joyce Kraemer and William Dwight Tester, Jr., brother of Venora Hatley, grandfather of Lt. Commander Dustin Kraemer, Brandon Kraemer, and Brian Kraemer, great-grandfather of Max Kraemer, uncle of William C. Hatley, and husband of the late Josephine Tester. Sergeant Tester dedicated his life to serving his community and our nation, serving in the Korean War as a member of the 37th Infantry Division and later in the Ohio National Guard's Company B 137th Tank Battalion.

Sergeant Tester was born on February 3, 1933 in Butler, Tennessee to the late Roscoe and Roxie Tester and lived most of his life in Rittman, Ohio. Following his service to the country, he was employed as a tool and die maker at the former Packaging Corporation of America, retiring after 40 years of service. He was also an active member of his community, serving in the Doylestown American Legion post No. 407 and the Doylestown Lions Club. Sergeant Tester was an avid farmer and gardener, but above all else, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a life so fully lived. William Dwight Tester, Sr. instilled the values of service, hard work and integrity into his children, grandchildren, employees, and mentees; values that we should all strive to uphold in our daily lives. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to a valued soldier and citizen, Sergeant William Dwight Tester, Sr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2017, I voted Yes during Roll Call 321 on the Davidson of Ohio Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 2842; I intended to vote No.

HONORING TEJ MAAN, YUBA CITY CITY COUNCIL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tej Maan, an upstanding citizen and Councilmember in my district.

Mr. Maan has been the Director of Environmental Health in Yuba County since 1998, where he has created vital safeguards to protect the environmental health and wellbeing of the Yuba County community.

Additionally, Mr. Maan is a member of the Punjabi American Heritage Society, the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health, and the Yuba City Chamber of Commerce. He is the host of a local television show called "Punjabi Waves," which features discussions and in-depth interviews on current events and issues in the Punjabi community.

Mr. Maan is also the founder of the first Sikh School in the United States, which is located in Yuba City, California. Tej's love for America and selfless dedication to his community have made him a well-respected and treasured member of the Yuba City region. I offer my utmost appreciation and gratitude for Tej Maan's many contributions to society.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN FOR HOSTING EXPO 2017 AND ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF KAZAKHSTAN'S CAPITAL CITY, ASTANA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Kazakhstan on hosting the much anticipated EXPO 2017, and to congratulate them on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the capital city Astana, where the Expo is being held.

The theme for EXPO 2017 is "Future Energy," which is particularly fitting for Kazakhstan as the country has become a leader in renewable energy in Central Asia. Kazakhstan's efforts with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in the 1990's, as well as their ratification of the more recent Kyoto Protocol extension, clearly exhibit their commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and slowing global warming. Domestically, Kazakhstan continues to construct hydropower plants, providing jobs to local communities while meeting the increasing demands for energy in Eurasia. Additionally, the Kyzylorda and Aral regions have been proposed for the installation of solar power plants and solar stills in rivers to better provide clean drinking water to those areas in need of this life sustaining resource. Finally, Kazakhstan has provided robust funding for research dedicated to the advancement of wind energy efficiency.

I would like to also note the great work of our Kazakh friends in building Astana into one of the most industrialized cities in Central Asia over the past 20 years. This diligent work has resulted in Astana exhibiting remarkable growth in investment, industrial output, and small business development since its designation as capital in 1997. In addition, Astana's education and healthcare systems serve as a model for the programs of fellow recovering post-Soviet nations.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to pursue a strong U.S.-Kazakh relationship as we work together to bring peace and security to Central Asia, and as we work together to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and invest in renewable energy.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL JOHN WILLIAMS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Principal John Williams on the occasion of his retirement. For the past forty years, Principal Williams devoted his life to providing an exceptional educational experience to students. In his 14 years at Carmel High School, there has been tremendous growth and continued improvement under Principal Williams' guidance. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever